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SUBJECT: BREAK-IN OF PRAGUE PAN AMERICAN OFFICE

REFS: A) PRAGUE 139 (NOTAL) B) PRAGUE 0625

1. FOR THE THIRD TIME OVER THE PAST FOUR MONTHS PAN AM OFFICE WAS TARGET OF BREAK-IN. THIEVES ENTERED NIGHT OF MARCH 10/11 BY BREAKING WINDOWS IN DIRECTOR'S OFFICE AND STOLE TWO TYPEWRITERS, A DICTAPHONE AND KODAK SLIDE PROJECTOR. THIEVES ALSO ATTEMPTED TO ENTER SAFE CONTAINING TICKETS AND CASH BUT FAILED. STORAGE AREA OF PREMISES AS WELL AS DIRECTOR'S OFFICE WERE THOROUGHLY RIFLED. PAN AM LEARNED THAT DURING SAME EVENING BOTH LUFTHANSA AND CUBAN AIRLINES OFFICES IN PRAGUE WERE ALSO HIT. EMBASSY HAS NO EVIDENCE THAT BREAK-IN RELATED TO ATTACK CSA OFFICE IN NEW YORK (SEE PRAGUE 625).

2. OFFICE DIRECTOR HAY UNDERSTANDABLY DEEPLY CONCERNED WITH THIS THIRD IN A SERIES OF RECENT BREAK-INS (FIRST CASE WAS ATTEMPTED). EMBASSY RECOMMENDS DEPARTMENT APPROVAL FOR ORAL REPRESENTATION, BUTTRESSED BY "NON-PAPER", MONDAY, MARCH 15 BY CHARGE TO MFA SIXTH DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR ZANTOVSKY TO POINT OUT EMBASSY'S CONCERN:

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A) THAT EFFECTIVE SECURITY MEASURES BE PROVIDED PAN AM OFFICE,

E.E., THAT INSTALLATION OF SECURITY BARS ON WINDOWS AND DOORS, PROMISED BY CZECHS FOR JUNE, BE NOW PROVIDED ASAP.

B) THAT OFFICE DIRECTOR HAY BE KEPT BETTER INFORMED OF COURSE OF INVESTIGATION OF JANUARY 20 BREAK-IN AND OF PRESENT BREAK-IN SO THAT HE MAY APRISE PAN AM SECURITY OFFICES OF SITUATION (UP TO NOW CZECHOSLOVAK AUTHORITIES HAVE REFUSED TO DISCUSS BREAK-INS WITH HAY).

C) THAT POLICE GIVE PAN AM OPINION CONCERNING NATURE OF BREAK-INS (E.E., VANDALISM, TERROR OR HARASSMENT) SO THAT PAN AM WILL BE IN BETTER POSITION TO REQUEST APPROPRIATE SECURITY ASSISTANCE FROM AUTHORITIES.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL FOR MARCH 15 REPRESENTATION TO MFA.
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